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Dear Mr. Alter:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has recently received a copy of the final CERCLA Screening Site Inspection Report for the Golf and River Landfill in Des Plaines Illinois, and would like to offer the following comments.

Although the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency finds no apparent deficiencies in the sampling plan or procedures employed by the FIT investigation team, we can not agree with the authors site disposition recommendation.

Samples collected during this inspection revealed the presence of various semi-volatile organic substances, some of which are know to be human carcinogens.

The sites proximity to residential areas and the Des Plaines River would suggest that the HRS I evaluation (which was the bases for the "no further action" recommendation) is inappropriate.

We therefore suggest that the Region V Offices of U.S. EPA either task their contractors to re-evaluate this site by using the revised Hazard Ranking System scoresheet, or ignore the contractors recommendation an advance this site to the Listing Site Inspection Stage of the site assessment process.

We, would like to thank you for providing the opportunity to respond to these reports, and suggest that you contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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